Investigations against Globtech

1302. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in Sunday Mail, dated 13th September, 1987 under the caption 'How agent winds up operations; if so, whether the Globtech Company which is alleged to have received commission in the submarine deal has been investigated against and with what results; and

(b) whether Government propose to review the procedure of placing orders for sensitive defence equipments, if so, what steps are proposed in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir. Enquiries ordered into the allegations that commission was paid to an Indian agent in connection with the purchase of SSK Submarines by the Government of India from M/s HDW of West Germany are still under way.

(b) A Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of the Defence Secretary to *inter-alia* review and make suggestions regarding streamlining the existing procedures.

Indigenous Engine for the LCA

1303. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the progress in the production of indigenous engine for the Light Combat Aircraft; and

(b) what type of airframe is being envisaged for the LCA ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) Full scale development of an indigenous advanced straight jet gas turbine engine designated 'GTX' is currently under development at the Gas Turbine Research Establishment of the Defence Research and Development Organisation. Demonstrator model of a bypass variant is also under development. Specifications for a variant designated GTX-35VS have been evolved to meet the requirements of the LCA. Some of the technologies and systems required in the GTX variant for the LCA would be available through these two development programmes.

(b) The LCA airframe is likely to adopt composites and advanced metallic materials.

Completion of Irrigation Projects in Andhra Pradesh

1304. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA :

SHRI TALARI MANOHAR :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of minor, medium and major irrigation projects completed during the last four years in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the number of minor, medium and major irrigation projects still behind the scheduled time of completion in Andhra Pradesh and the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) One major irrigation project has been completed during the last four years. Almost all the 15 major and 45 medium ongoing projects are behind the originally scheduled times of completion, largely owing to proliferation of projects resulting in thin spreading of various limited resources available, steep price escalation, inadequate investigations at the project formulation stage resulting in under estimation of quantities and costs, change in scope and design of projects, difficulties in land acquisition, non-availability at times of construction material, etc.

Information regarding minor irrigation schemes is not maintained at the Centre.

रक्षा सौदों में बिचौलियों से संबंधित सरकार के आदेशों का उल्लंघन

1305. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) रक्षा मंत्रालय द्वारा विदेशों से रक्षा उपकरणों की खरीद में बिचौलियों की प्रथा

कब से समाप्त की गई और यह निर्णय किन परिस्थितियों में लिया गया; और

(ख) क्या इस संबंध में सरकार के आदेशों का उल्लंघन किए जाने का कोई मामला सरकार की जानकारी में आया है; यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और उस पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई?

रक्षा मंत्री श्री के. सी. पंत (क) 1980 के बाद सेनाओं से सेवानिवृत्त अधिकारियों, विदेशी सप्लायरों और उनके भारतीय एजेंटों का रक्षा सुरक्षा क्षेत्र में प्रवेश रोकने के बारे में कई अनुदेश जारी किए गए इस बारे में संबंधित प्रशासनिक सचिव की अनुमति से रक्षा मंत्रालय के उन अधिकारियों के स्तर भी निर्धारित किए गए हैं जो विदेशी सप्लायरों/उनके एजेंटों से मिल सकते हैं। अन्य बातों के साथ यह निर्णय भी लिया गया कि हथियारों और प्रणालियां प्राप्त करने के लिए रक्षा विभाग में वाणिज्यिक बातचीत से संबंधित संयुक्त सचिव यह सुनिश्चित करेंगे कि उन बातचीतों में एजेंटों को अलग रखा जाएगा जो सीधे किसी विदेशी सप्लायर के साथ की जाती है। यह निर्णय उस खर्चे को बचाने के लिए किया गया जो कमीशन या उससे संबंधित अन्य कार्य के लिए देना पड़ता।

(ख) इस संबंध में आदेशों के उल्लंघन का कोई मामला ध्यान में नहीं आया।

National Power/Water Grid

1306. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to evolve a national power and water grid to meet the flood and drought situations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the national power and water grids are likely to be evolved and to what extent the rural people are likely to be benefited ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (c) A national perspective envisaging transfer of water from surplus to water-deficit regions by interlinking of rivers and construction of storages has been formulated. The perspective has two components viz (i) Himalayan rivers development and (ii) Peninsular rivers development; and studies have been taken up on the latter.

The establishment of a national power grid has been accepted in principle and it is proposed to be achieved by strengthening of regional grids through accelerated development of Central Sector transmission systems and inter-connection of the regional grid systems. So far about 5926 Circuit Kms. of 400 KV lines in the States' sector and 6288 Circuit Kms. of 400 KV lines in the Central Sector have been completed.

Public Sector undertakings without Top Executives

1307. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that there are large number of public sector undertakings which are being managed without their top executives;

(b) the reasons for delay in appointing Chairman and Managing Director in the public sector units; and

(c) the steps Government have taken for their early appointment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Presumably the Honourable Member is referring to the Central Public Enterprises without full-time Chief Executive-Chairman-cum-Managing Director or Managing Director. According to available information as on 31-10-87 there are twenty central public enterprises where the posts of Chief Executives are vacant.

(b) The reasons for delay in appointing Chairman and M.D. in the public sector units are that the selections for such posts are to be made by the Public Enterprises Selection Board after following the pres-